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**LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund**  
**Application Form Support**  
**Applications for £10,000-£25,000**

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## Introduction

This document is designed to provide answers to the most common questions for each of the questions our application form asks.

Please note that our application form is adaptive so the questions you answer will be dependent on the amount you are applying for. We have created separate documents for each application bracket so please make sure you are reading the correct support document.

### **For applications for £10,000-£25,000 (large grants):**

#### **Communities of Focus**

Q: Given that this is a targeted fund, please let us know which communities of focus your organisation works with.

- This is a targeted funding programme, with the focus on those communities of focus we have identified on the form.
- Please limit your answer to no more than 2 selections.
- If you feel your organisation's work does truly focus on more than 2 selections, get in touch with the Grants Team on: [grants@consortium.lgbt](mailto:grants@consortium.lgbt) so we can plan for your application.
  - All applications will be sent to Community Panels. Therefore, selecting more than 2 will result in the need for an application to go to three separate panels before a decision can be made, taking potentially longer to get you a decision.

Q: Are the majority of people who run and operate your organisation from the communities of focus you have selected above?

Follow up Q: Can you tell us a bit about HOW people from your communities of focus are represented within your organisation?

- We ask this question to better understand how your organisation is led by and specifically for the communities of focus you have ticked.
- Please provide brief answers to this question. We don't require lots of information.
- Use the space to provide information about how your committee/Trustees/Directors reflect your community of interest.
- You can also provide information on how your volunteer team or staff (if your organisation has any) also reflect the communities of focus you have ticked.
- Consortium's Grants Team will make follow up checks on this information to ensure eligibility.

## Organisation Details

### Q: Organisation Name

- Please provide the legal name of your organisation, as per any Constitution/Terms of reference, etc. that your organisation has.

### Q: Town/City

- If you work across a range of locations, please input a town/city that is closest to where a proportion of your work takes place.
- If you a virtual organisation, or you work across multiple areas/nationally please provide the town/city closest to your main contact.
- We are required to collect this data by our partner.

### Q: Postcode

- Please only provide the first part of your postcode.
- This will not be published and is for ours, and our funders purposes only to ensure good geographical spread of funds.

## Main Contact

### Q: Contact Details

- We require the contact details for a key contact at your organisation.
- These will be used to follow up on your application if we have any questions, and to inform you of the outcome.
- We require the contact details for two people when applying for larger amounts.
- If any of this information changes after submitting your application, you must inform our Grants Team on [grants@consortium.lgbt](mailto:grants@consortium.lgbt) so we can get in touch if needed.

## About Your Organisation

### Q: Legal status of organisation

- We have provided a list of the types of organisations we anticipate applying. Please tick the most suitable one for your organisation.

### Q: How many trustees/directors/management committee members does your organisation have?

- Please provide the total number of people who govern your organisation.

### Q: What are your organisation's main activities?

- Please provide information on what your organisation is set up to do. You could detail your main activities or services.
- You don't need to provide enormous amounts of information, but we want our Community Panels to get to know your organisation a bit when making their assessments.

## About your Project

Q: What would you like us to fund?

- Use this space to let us know what you need the money for. We don't require enormous amounts of information—we are keen to understand why you need our funding and what you want to do with it.
- This answer will provide key information for our Community Panels to be able to make their decisions on who to fund.

Q: Please provide an estimate of how many people will benefit from these activities

- We recognise that intersectional and thematic work can mean lower numbers of beneficiaries, so please provide your best estimate.
- We are also aware that total numbers can be broader than just the direct people impacted, e.g. partners, families, friends, straight allies etc.
- Provide what you feel is an appropriate estimated number. We can help you determine an appropriate number if you want to reach out to the Grants Team.

Q: Budget

- We need to know where you want to spend the funds being requested.
- Whilst we don't need really detailed breakdown of these costs (for example we if you needed funds for running the org that includes stationery, phone costs, etc. you can bundle these together under a heading like "organisational running costs").
- You can either list these costs in the space provided on the application form, or you can choose to upload your own budget template if that is easier for your organisation.
- Please remember to think about accessibility costs in your budgets. We want all work and organisations funded under this programme to be accessible to as many people in our communities as possible. If you are unsure on how to include these costs, please do reach out to the Grants Team who will be happy to support and provide guidance on this.

## Project Outcomes

Q: What are the planned benefits (outcomes) of this work?

- Consortium is passionate about looking at the difference LGBT+ organisations make to the lives of those we all work with.
- Please tick the areas listed that best reflect what you do as an organisation.
- For example, if you are an LGBT+ social group, then tick "Connecting people and communities". If you are providing mental health support to people, then tick "Improving health and wellbeing".
- You are more than welcome to tick more than one option, but only tick ones you feel directly relate to your organisation's work.

- For larger grants, we are keen to monitor the difference your organisation makes across these outcomes and require you to include information about how you will monitor this.
- Please don't worry about providing too much information. We are most interested in your ideas of how you will keep track of the difference you are making. For example, you might collect data and pull into a report about those you are working with and their journeys (anonymised where needed), or you might look to run a number of events with anticipated numbers attending, which will help people feel more connected/safer/etc.
- To help you better understand what type of organisations/work might fall into each category, the following might be useful:
  - Connecting people and communities—could be running a social group, bringing specific groups of LGBT+ people together or work to educate about specific LGBT+ issues.
  - Creating safer communities—Work around housing and homelessness, supporting Coming Out, changing the media narrative, anti-hate crime work, increasing representation of intersectionality.
  - Improving health and wellbeing—tackling health inequalities, work improving confidence/self-esteem, improving physical well-being, tackling mental health issues.
  - Improving policymaking—increasing community evidence base, improving monitoring, policy work, training to improve decision-making, improving participation of minority voices in decision-making.
  - Improving service provision—developing new partnerships to tackle marginalisation, creating new services to tackle community need, improving access to services, developing person-centred approaches.
- If you need support with answering this question, please do reach out to the Grants Team on: [grants@consortium.lgbt](mailto:grants@consortium.lgbt).

## Supplementary Documents

Document: Constitution/Governing Document

- Please upload the governing that controls how your organisation is run.

Document: Accounts

- Please provide us with the most recent set of account your organisation has. These might be a simple income / expenditure overview for the previous year, or might be an externally examined set of accounts.
- If your organisation is new and doesn't yet have any of these documents, then please upload the most recent bank statement for the organisation.

## Declaration

- As a responsible funder we have to undertake certain checks when an organisation submits an application.
- As part of these checks, it is important that we know the person submitting the application has permission to do so and has provided accurate information.
- We are working in partnership with other funders for this programme and are required to share basic application data with them (e.g. an organisations location, amounts applied for, etc.). Therefore, we need to seek your permission to be able to share the limited information required in line with our Grant Funding Data Privacy Notice.

If you require any further information about any aspect of this application form, or require support in submitting an application, please get in touch with the Grants Team on: [grants@consortium.lgbt](mailto:grants@consortium.lgbt).